PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alexandria Technology Achievement Week, March 17-21, is a showcase for Alexandria's expanding technology sector, including nearly 400 technology firms that employ more than 12,000 employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has joined with the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc., to sponsor the 7th Annual Alexandria Technology Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, the three finalists for the 2003 Alexandria Technology Achievement Award, as selected by a panel of distinguished judges, are:

BRIARTEK, INC., for developing a maritime survivor locating beacon used as a man-overboard alarm, receiver and direction finder known as the Overboard Recovery Communications Apparatus or ORCA, which is currently being used by the Sandy Hook Harbor Pilots in the New York and New Jersey ports and the United States Navy, and is also being applied to industrial safety alarms, firefighter locating beacons and wildlife tracking tags; and

RELATABLE, LLC., for developing acoustic fingerprinting technology for tracking the delivery of music and media through new digital and traditional channels of distribution, which is used to identify and track music for copyright compensation and royalty allocation, as well as for music recommendation; and

THE TEMPLAR CORPORATION for offering advanced and secure information management solutions that allow law enforcement, criminal justice and emergency management organizations to easily and rapidly share critical information and improve the government's ability to proactively deter and effectively respond to threats to public safety and security; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to recognize the importance of our technology sector to the City, its economic health, and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim this week to be "Alexandria Technology Achievement Week" and congratulate BriarTek, Relatable and The Templar Corporation for their outstanding technological achievements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 11th day of March 2003.

KERRY J. DONLEY

MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST: